

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – June 9, 2020**

Meeting using ZOOM

Present: Brian Townsend (Assistant Director Public Works and Parks and ACT staff liaison), Robert Trumbule (member), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Charles Jackman (chair), Leeann Irwin (guest, FPAB), Alvin Wilson (guest and technical assistance for Ethel), Honey and Pinto (cats)

Call to order 7:30PM

May 2020 Minutes: accept as corrected

### **Old Business**

1 – ERMT dedication of new tree.

Ethel sums up the situation. The tree is in the ground but no ceremony could be held because of the pandemic and required social distancing. Leeann might be able to contact a descendant of Mrs. Roosevelt to be part of the ceremony in October. We all agreed that this would be nice. We had a short discussion about moving the fence and the granite blocks at the site of the previous memorial tree (now dead).

### **New Business**

1 – Leeann reported on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board's plans. One question - Who is putting the little tags (circular metal with number) on trees throughout GHI? Ethel and Bob explained that these are being done to establish an inventory of GHI trees. Leeann wondered if the Forest Preserve could be included in this inventory. However, the Forest Preserve is not part of GHI. This inventory is not covering trees in the GHI forest. Brian, Ethel and Bob suggested that ACT and FPAB could add some trees in the Forest Preserve to the ACT's "Significant Trees of Greenbelt." Eventually, this could include a self-guided walk in the Forest Preserve. We agreed that there are many areas and events where ACT and FPAB could work together.

2 – Brian reports on Public Works tree projects.

Brian has asked about evaluating the pin oaks along Hanover Parkway. They are showing decline symptoms and Lecanium scale is suspected as the cause.

The Firefly Sanctuary has been approved. Public Works is making signs for the new sanctuary located along Spring Valley Park.

Leeann mentioned that a very large Callery Pear had recently broken apart in a storm. Some neighbors thought that the city had taken the tree down. She suggested that a sign be put up to explain that the old tree had to be removed because of storm damage.

Brian mentioned a heavy scale infestation of trees recently installed in Greenbelt Station.

Next Meeting will be July 28, via ZOOM

Adjourn 8:30 PM Respectfully submitted by Ethel Dutky